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REIN CONTROL, OR UNIDIRECTIONAL RATE SENSITIVITY, A FUNDAMENTAL DYNAMIC AND ORGANIZING FUNCTION IN BIOLOGY—Manfred Clynes, Ed.—N.Y. Acad. of Sciences, Annals, Vol. 156, Art. 2, 1969, 341 p., illus., paper, \$17. Monograph discusses aspects relating to brain function, the physiological code of information processing and the consequent physiological basis of language.

RELATIVISTIC PLASMAS: The Coral Gables Conference—Oscar Buneman and William B. Pardo, Eds.—Benjamin, 1969, 249 p., diagrams, \$13.50. Papers deal with speculative ideas, analyses and discussion concerning covariant dispersion theory, energy and momentum of waves, supraluminous plasma waves, and electron-cyclotron heating.

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